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FOR: DEVICE AND A PROCESS FOR

COARSELY GRINDING HYDROUS POLYMER GELS

ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Responsive to the Official Action of June 16, 1997, Applicants elect Species I of Figure 1, for initial examination purposes only.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are active in the present application.

In the response to the previous Official Action, Applicants elected, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-11, directed to a device for crushing a hydrous polymer gel.

The Office has now required election of a single species of the device as follows:

Species I - Figure 1,

Species II - Figure 2,

Species III - Figure 3, or

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

ELECTION OF SPECIES RESPONSE

Our check in the amount of \$_-0-_ is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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